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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir, the Kozhikode Municipality is one of the municipalities which has agreed to run work-houses and special homes. But sanction has not yet been granted pending receipt of reply from the Government of India regarding the subsidy asked from them.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Are these homes gender mixing beggar homes? (Laughter.)

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member wants to know whether they are mixed homes, males and females residing there together.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir, both men and women are taken there. I, for a moment, forgot that it was the hon. Member Sri Balakrishnan that was putting the question. (Laughter.)

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : The bus stops in the City and other important places like the harbour and railway stations are infested with diseased beggars suffering from leprosy and other bad diseases. May I request the Hon. Minister whether he would issue immediate orders to round off these persons as and when they appear in these places?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir, that is what is being done. In spite of that, the problem has not been completely solved. It is because of the enormity of the problem. But every attempt is being made to see that all beggars are rounded off and taken to the homes.

SRI V. MUTHU : வேலை செய்யக்கூடிய தேக பலம் இருக்கும் பிச்சைக்காரர்களைப் பிடித்துவைத்து அவர்கள் பாதுகாப்பு இல்லங்களிலிருந்து வெளியே ஓடாமல் பார்த்துக்கொள்வது சிரமமாக இருக்கிறது என்று மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார். அப்படி ஓடிப்போகிறவர்களைக் குற்றம் செய்தவர்களாகக் கருதி, அவர்களுக்கு சிறை தண்டனை விதிக்க அரசாங்கம் ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : ஜெயிலுக்கு அனுப்பினால் அங்கேயும்தான் அவர்களுக்கு சாப்பாடு போடவேண்டும். இதுதான் இருக்கக்கூடிய முக்கியமான பிரச்னை.

SRI P. CHELLATHURAI : பிச்சை எடுத்துதான் வாழவேண்டுமென்ற நிலைமையில் இருப்பவர்களுக்கு லைசென்ஸ் வழங்கும் முறையை அரசாங்கம் ஆலோசிக்குமா ? (சிரிப்பு.)

THE HON. SRI C SUBRAMANIAM : கனம் அங்கத்தினர் ரொம்பவும் ஒரு நல்ல யோசனையைச் சொல்லியிருக்கிறார். அவர் சொல்லிய யோசனையைப் பரிசீலிக்க அவரையே தலைவராகக்கொண்டு ஒரு கமிட்டி ஏற்படுத்தி, அவர் ஒரு திட்டம் வகுத்துக் கொடுப்பார்களானால், சர்க்காரும் அதைப் பரிசீலனை செய்யும். (சிரிப்பு.)

Starting of beggar relief schemes by municipalities

* 123 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have sanctioned any scheme for destitute relief to be worked by municipalities;

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(*b*) if so, what is the Governmental contribution in working the schemes; and

(*c*) how many municipalities have started such beggar relief schemes with Governmental aid?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I think it about the same question, Sir.

(*a*) No.

(*b*) The Government propose to sanction a scheme for the establishment of beggar homes in some larger towns and tourist centres. Under the scheme, Government will pay the municipality concerned a grant of Rs. 10 per mensem in respect of each inmate detained in a home under the orders of a Court. The services of a Police staff of one head constable and six Police constables will also be made available for the running of each care camp intended for able-bodied beggars.

(*c*) None, as the scheme has not yet been sanctioned.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : So far as I know the Tellicherry and Kozhikode Municipalities have agreed to the scheme and have recommended to the Government by a resolution that they are willing to run such homes. May I know whether they cannot be sanctioned tentatively subject to the sanction by the Government of India regarding subsidy?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir. There are about ten or eleven municipalities who have come forward to run these homes including Kozhikode and Tellicherry. None of these have been sanctioned and they are pending receipt of sanction from the Government of India.

SRI A. M. RATHNASWAMY : Begging by youngsters at bus stops and at places where people collect is going on not only in the City but also in places outside the City. Will the Government take special steps to see that these youngsters do not succumb to this begging profession?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir. Special efforts are being made and there is a special home for these young children.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : In view of the fact that among the beggars that we see in the City and elsewhere, a considerable number of them are children of school-going age and even below that, will the Government consider the question of drawing up a separate scheme for bringing these children under instruction and at the same time giving them some facilities for boarding also?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir, when they are rounded off, they are put in the homes and given schooling also. The difficulty in these cases is these children are being used by

certain men and they are exploited for the purpose of begging, out of the proceeds of which only a small share is given to them and a bigger share taken away by the other people, organizing the begging. That is the real difficulty. But we are trying to tackle that problem.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: It is many months since the Madras Government made reference to the municipalities and some months since some of these municipalities agreed to run these homes. Would Government therefore inform the Central Government that this being an urgent problem the subsidy may be granted at a very early date so that the scheme may be set going on the second of October which is considered to be an auspicious day for us?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, the Government of India have been impressed regarding the necessity to open the homes urgently. I saw a news item a few days back that they have agreed to the opening of these homes in the various States. But they seem to be thinking in a very limited way, limiting the homes only to hundred beggars in each State. That will not meet even the fringe of the problem. What we have proposed is on a much larger scale.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: We understand that this beggar 8-50 a.m.
problem is a very enigmatic one and it has got to be solved by slow degrees. In places of public worship like Vadapalani and Mylapore where people congregate to worship God, they are besieged with these beggars suffering from ghastly diseases like leprosy. Will the Government issue instructions to the local police authorities to see that these beggars are not allowed anywhere near places of worship?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: These beggars are encouraged to go to these temples and round about, because those who go to the temples think they should give some charity and they think that by so doing they are doing something praiseworthy which would give them something in addition to what they would get by worshipping in the temple. Therefore if only the public would realise that it is not good to show this individual charity to the beggars round about these temples, then the problem would be solved. Government are aware of this problem and they are trying their best to see that the temples also start some destitute homes.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY: There are what are called
police round off even casual beggars who gather to take meals in
" casual beggars " and " professional beggars ". Sometimes the
a rich man's home on festive occasions. Is there not a method
by which casual beggars could be differentiated from professional
beggars?

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The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : It is not as if immediately a beggar was taken into custody he is sent to the Beggar Home. An enquiry is made and if the relations of that particular person are willing to take him back or if he himself says that he would go back to his home, then he is set free. It is not a question of his being taken automatically to the Care Home or Special Home.

Sri M. PALANIYANDI : பிச்சைக்காரர்களை எப்படியாவது பாதுகாப்பதற்காக ராஜாஜி முதன் மந்திரியாக இருந்த காலத்திலேயே மத்திய அரசாங்கத்துடன் கடிதப்போக்குவரத்து நடந்து வந்ததாகத் தெரியவருகிறது. இம்மாதிரி முக்கியமான சமூகப் பிரச்சினைகளை மத்திய அரசாங்கம் தாமதமில்லாமல் சீக்கிரமாக தீர்ப்பதற்கு நமது நிதி அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் வேண்டிய நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்களா ?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : I hope they are also aware of the urgency of the problem. It is not as if they were averse to giving sanction to these schemes; but I am hoping they would be giving some relief, even though that relief may not satisfy us to the extent we required.

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : When persons who come to power forget the beggars, is it not good that those who go to the temples treat the beggars with kindness and pay them something for their relief?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : This is a matter of differing opinions. But I may assure the hon. Member that it is not those who are in power who forget the beggar problem. As a matter of fact, they have to think always how to tackle this baffling problem. But others have no responsibility other than pointing out the defects and saying that no steps have been taken to tackle this beggar problem.

Dispute between the management and workers of the Madurai Mills

* 124 *Q.*—Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any conciliation by the Labour Commissioner took place during May 1956 in the dispute between the management and workers of the Madurai Mills, Ltd., Madurai:

(*b*) when the Labour Commissioner submitted his report to the Government?

(*c*) when and what action was taken by the Government on the report; and

(*d*) whether a copy of the report will be placed on the table of the House?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.